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BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of M. Patricia Smith, of New York, to be Solicitor, Joseph A. Main, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, and William E. Spriggs, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy, all of the Department of Labor, and Regina M. Benjamin, of Alabama, to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

WORKPLACE FAIRNESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine workplace fairness, after receiving testimony from Michael Foreman, Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law Civil Rights Appellate Clinic, University Park; Michael

W. Fox, Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak, and Stewart, P.C., Austin, Texas; Mark A. de Bernardo, Jackson Lewis, LLP, Washington D.C., on behalf of the Council for Employment Law Equity; Jamie Leigh Jones, Spring, Texas; and Jack Gross, Des Moines, Iowa.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Barbara Milano Keenan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Webb and Warner, Laurie O. Robinson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, who was introduced by Senator Specter, and Ketanji Brown Jackson, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 3736–3757; and 9 resolutions, H. Res. 804–807, 809–813, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 2647, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, to provide special pays and allowances to certain members of the Armed Forces, and to expand concurrent receipt of military retirement and VA disability benefits to disabled military retirees (H. Rept. 111–288) and

H. Res. 808, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2647) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, to provide special pays and allowances to certain members of the Armed Forces, and to expand concurrent receipt of

military retirement and VA disability benefits to disabled military retirees (H. Rept. 111–289).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Vaughn Baker, Christ United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Texas. **Page H10523**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12:16 p.m. **Page H10539**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Carter announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H10540–42**

Privileged Resolution: Representative Carter rose to a question of the privileges of the House and offered H. Res. 805, raising a question of the privileges of the House. Subsequently, Representative Crowley moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and the motion was agreed to by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 153 noes with 19 voting “present”, Roll No. 759, after agreeing to order the previous question by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 156 noes with 19 voting “present”, Roll No. 758. **Pages H10542–44**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, October 6th: